



TO THE CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN
OF THE REETH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting the Annual Report on the Health of the District for the year ended 31st December 1964.

The report is prepared on the lines laid down by the Ministry of Health.

The mid-year population is estimated by the Registrar General at 1,740, an increase of 10 on 1963.

There were 20 live births compared with 14 in 1963. The live birth rate was 15.85, being lower than that for England and Wales which is 18.4. There was one illegitimate birth.

Total deaths numbered 27 (27 in 1963) and the death rate at 11.63 is higher than that for England and Wales at 11.3. There was one infant death during the year.

The main causes of death were Heart Disease 4, Respiratory Disease 4, Vascular lesions of the Nervous System 8 and Cancer 1.

Eight cases of infectious diseases were notified during the year; 6 measles and 2 pneumonia. There were no cases of tuberculosis.

Water Supply and Sewerage. It is satisfactory that the Northallerton and Dales Water Board are to carry out the first part of the scheme to improve the water supply in the area, as reported by the Public Health Inspector. I am also glad to record that the water supply to Reeth, Grinton and Fremington is now chlorinated, although it still cannot be regarded as satisfactory.

It is also satisfying to record the progress of the Reeth, Fremington and Grinton sewerage scheme and that the scheme for Arkengarthdale is to follow.

I would like to express my appreciation of the help and co-operation I have received from the Public Health Inspector, whose report is attached to mine.

H.R. Morrison,

Medical Officer of Health.

REETH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area of District in acres	...	...	...	...	74,566 acres.
Resident Population Registrar Generals's mid-year estimate, 1964.	...	...	...	...	1,740
Number of inhabited houses at 1st April, 1964	...	...	...	...	919
Rateable value at 1st April 1964	...	...	...	...
Sum represented by a penny rate	...	...	...	...
Rate in £ levied at 1st April 1964	...	...	...	...

VITAL STATISTICS

Births.

The number of live births registered in the District during the year 1964 was 20, as against 14 in 1963. The birth rate comparisons show that the rate for the District is lower than the rest of England and Wales.

There were no still births registered during the year as against one in 1963.

Birth Rate Comparisons

Live births per 1,000 population (as adjusted by Comparability Factor supplied by the Registrar General)

		<u>Live Births</u>	<u>Still Births</u>
Reeth Rural District	1964	15.85	00.00
Reeth Rural District	1963	11.16	00.00
England and Wales	1964	18.4	16.3

Analysis of Births

Live Births:

	<u>1964</u>		<u>1963</u>	
	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
Legitimate..	12	7	6	6
Illegitimate..	1	-	1	1
	<u>13</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>

Illegitimate Live Births 5.00 per cent of total live births.

Still Births:

	<u>1964</u>	<u>1963</u>
Legitimate..	-	-
Illegitimate..	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

Deaths - Maternal Mortality

During 1964 there was no case of a woman dying through childbirth

in the District.

Infantile Mortality.

The number of infants under one who died during the year was 1 against 1 in 1963.

Infantile Mortality Comparisons per 1,000 Live Births

Reeth Rural District, 1963	...	...	...	...	71.43
Reeth Rural District, 1964	...	...	...	...	50.00
England and Wales, 1963	...	...	...	...	20.00

Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births	=	52.63
Illegitimate Infant Deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births	=	00.00
Neo-natal Mortality Rate. (deaths under four weeks per 1,000 total live births) =		50.00
Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births) =		50.00.
Peri-natal Mortality Rate (still births and deaths under one week combined per 1,000 total live and still brths) =		50.00

Deaths from all causes

During the year 1964 there were 27 deaths from all causes registered in the District, as against 27 in 1963. The death rate is higher than that for England and Wales.

Death Rate Comparison

Death rate per 1,000 population (as adjusted by Comparihility Factor supplied by the Registrar General)

Reeth Rural District 1963	...	...	...	...	11.70
Reeth Rural District 1964	...	...	...	...	11.63
England and Wales 1964	...	...	...	...	11.3

Causes of all Deaths - Compared with 1963

<u>Diseases</u>	<u>1964</u>		<u>1963</u>	
	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	-	-	-	1
Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	1.	-	2	-
Deaths from Cancer	-	-	-	-
Diabetes.	-	-	1	-
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	6	2	1	3
Coronary Disease. Angina	1	1	4	-
Other Heart Disease	1	1	4	2
Other Circulatory Disease	-	-	2	-
Pneumonia	1	-	1	3
Gastritis. Enteritis and Diarrhoea	-	-	1	-
Congenital Malformations	-	-	1	-
Other Defined and Ill-Defined Diseases	3	6	-	1
Bronchitis	2	1	-	-
All other accidents	-	1	-	-
	15	12	17	10

Number of Deaths from the Seven Chief Causes

per 1,000 population

<u>1964</u>		<u>1963</u>	
<u>No.</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Cancer...	1	3.	1.73

Heart Disease	...	...	...	4	2.29	10	5.77
Respiratory Disease	...	...	...	4	2.87	4	2.31
T.B. Pulmonary	...	...	...	-	-	-	-
T.B. Non-Pulmonary	...	...	...	-	-	-	-
Other Circulatory disease	...	...	...	-	-	2	1.15
Vascular Lesions of the Nervour System				8	4.59	4	2.31
				17	10.32	23	13.27

Analysis of Infections Diseases and
Comparisons with Previous Year

	<u>1964</u>	<u>1963</u>
Tuberculosis	-	-
Measles	6	13
Pneumonia	2	-
	<u>8</u>	<u>13</u>

Vaccinations and Immunisations - against Smallpox, Diphtheria and Pertussis

The number of vaccinations and immunisations carried out in the District in 1963 are as follows;

	<u>Under 5 years</u>		<u>Over 5 years</u>	
	<u>Primary</u>	<u>Booster</u>	<u>Primary</u>	<u>Booster</u>
Smallpox	15	9	3	24
Diphtheria	32	2	3	23
Pertussis	40 (ALL AGES)		-	-

Immunisation against Poliomyelitis

The following table shows the number of persons who have received immunisation against Poliomyelitis during 1963.

	<u>Oral Vaccine</u>	
	<u>Primary</u>	<u>Re-enforcing Dose</u>
Number of persons who have completed course.	42	17

One District Nurse/Midwife and a Part-time General Duties Nurse employed by the North Riding County Council carry out the duties for the District. The following are the number of visits made to patients during 1964 and comparison with previous year

<u>Category</u>	<u>1963</u>	<u>1964</u>
Domiciliary Midwifery	181	251
Home Nursing	825	587
Health Visiting	525	825

Ambulance Service

This service is provided by the North Riding County Council from the Ambulance Service which has a staff of one Driver-Foreman, one Shift Leader and six Driver-Attendants.

Prevention of Illness, Care and After-care

A chiropodist is employed by the North Riding County Council to

carry out treatment of old people.

Domestic Help Service

This service is provided by the North Riding County Council and during 1964 nine cases received help compared with eight in 1963

<u>Category</u>	<u>Hours</u>
Chronic Sick	4323

Infant Welfare Centre

There is a clinic held at Reeth once per month and is attended by the District Medical Officer as well as the District Nurse/Midwife.

REETH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT: YEAR ENDING

DECEMBER.1964.

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR & SURVEYOR. J.V.Metcalf M.R.S.
H.,M.A.P.H.I.

To the Chairman and Members of the Reeth Rural District Council

Mr.Chairman,Lady and Gentleman,

I beg to submit my report for the year ending 31st December,1964.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

WATER SUPPLIES.

The water supplies throughout the area have been generally well maintained in quantity with the exception of Keld and Ivelet. The former being completely off for two weeks in December owing to the main over the River Swale becoming frozen. As an emergency measure the Northallerton & The Dales Water Board provided and maintained a 500 gallon water tanker in the village, to provide a pure supply of water for drinking purposes. At Ivelet, shortages occurred during the summer months and here again a pure supply of drinking water was provided by a tanker supplied by the Water Board until the mains supply was restored.

The quality of water being supplied throughout the area continues to be subject to surface pollution in varying degrees, of 23 samples, 14 proved to be unsatisfactory from a bacteriological standard.

In regard to the administration of the water supplies, the area is now under the jurisdiction of the Northallerton & The Dales Water Board, myself acting only as their agent until suitable staff have been recruited. The Board have resolved to go ahead with a scheme of water supply to cover the area from West Stonesdale to and including Gunnerside from the springs at East Ghyll, the water to be chlorinated.

SEWERAGE

The Thwaite sewerage scheme was in operation by April, all the houses being connected to the new sewer, even although final completion of the Contract has yet to be concluded. By the end of the year, of the 20 houses of Thwaite, 12 had been provided with W.C.'s and 8 with bathrooms. Work at other houses was in hand and it is anticipated that during 1965, all the houses will have W.C.'s.

The proposed scheme of sewers and sewage disposal for Reeth Fremington & Grinton is in the final stage of preparation and negotiation prior to advertising for Tenders. Of the remaining existing disposal works at Keld Muker, Gunnerside, Healaugh and C.B. Yard, the effluents being discharged are classified as "liquid sewage" and in consequence schemes for new disposal works will need to be considered. Low Row is served by most of the properties each having their own cesspool or septic tank. The drainage at Marrick is far from satisfactory, all the foul water from the houses and effluent from septic tanks discharging into an old stone drain which latter opens out to flow in an open channel along the road verge and then into private farm land. At Langthwaite, crude sewage continues to be discharged into the Arkle Beck through a surface water sewer. The contents of chemical closets are also emptied into the Beck. The toilets at the school are open closets built over a stream, also emptying into the Arkle Beck. At Arkle Town there is only a stone drain taking the waste water from the houses and discharging into a stream. Some of the houses have cesspools to serve the W.C.'s.

Following reports by the Medical Officer of Health Dr.H.R.

Morrison and myself, the Council agreed that when the Reeth sewerage scheme was commenced, the preparation of a scheme to serve C.B. Yard, New Houses, Langthwaite and Arkletown the properties in between including the school, would be put in hand.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

The site at Tottergill Pasture, Arkengarthdale is now in full use for the disposal of refuse, the control of which is, as anticipated proving to be an uneasy problem- during the frequent high winds it is liable to be blowing into the adjoining pasture and open moorland. To exercise proper control and to obtain adequate consolidation requires a tracked bull dozer on the site, in addition a baling press and drums and tins is also a necessity, without these the tip cannot be worked in a suitable manner and any covering can only be casual. As far as collection is concerned, it is unavoidable that there are interruptions in the routine of collection when working with one vehicle and two men, as the service must be discontinued during annual and Bank holidays.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION

Conversion of dry closets to W.C.s	38
Additional W.C.s.	4
New drainage inspected and tested	520 yards
Tests to existing drains	32
Length of new sewers	760 yards
Number of houses with water carriage system	803
Number of houses with dry closets	115
Number of houses connected to Council Sewers	110

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

The new conveniences at Langthwaite have been opened and in use during the year. The existing conveniences at Reeth, Bow Row, Gunnerside, Muker and Grimston continue to be maintained by part time caretakers. Damage to coin locks has been the main trouble - bent coins, handles etc., putting them out of order.

COUNCIL HOUSES. REETH AND GUNNERSIDE

The houses continue to be well maintained, kept clean and in order by all tenants. Only minor repairs have been necessary.

PRIVATE HOUSING

Four additional dwellings have been provided during the year - two by conversion and two by new building. At the end of the year work was in progress on a further three houses by private development.

EXISTING HOUSES

Number of houses in the area	919
Number of houses in Clearance Areas	Nil
Number of houses made fit after formal action	1
Number of unfit houses made fit after informal action	19
Unfit houses occupied and subject to a Closing Order	Nil
Unfit houses closed	Nil
Unfit houses now closed and subject to an undertaking not to be used for habitation	1

REPAIRS 1957

No applications for Certificates of Disrepair have been received.

CLASSIFICATION OF HOUSES

Number of houses in the district	919
Class 1 - Fit in all respects	124
Class 2 - Minor defects only	636
Class 3 - Requiring repairs and improvements	143
Class 4 - Unfit	7

of the 919 houses in the district, 181 are occupied only as holiday cottages.

HOUSE PURCHASE AND HOUSING ACT.

Since the inception of this Act, 143 houses have been improved with Grant aid. During the year, on 5 Discretionary Grants for improvements to accommodation the amount paid was £724. On the 27 Standard Grants completed, £1,935 was paid on the following amenities provided :- 17 Baths: 16 Lavatory basins: 15 Hot Water Systems: 22 W.C.'s. 5 Larders.

Works were carried on behalf of 23 owner/occupiers and 9 on behalf of tenanted houses.

INSPECTION OF DWELLINGHOUSES DURING THE YEAR

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| (a) Total number of houses inspected during the year for housing defects (Public Health or Housing Acts) | 63 |
| (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose | 78 |
| (a) Number of houses (exclusive of those referred to under proceeding sub-head) found not in all respects reasonably fit for habitation | 63 |
| (b) Number of houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for habitation | 2 |

Remedy of Defects without service of formal notice.

Number of houses made fit in consequence of informal action by the local authority or their officers	39
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Statutory proceedings during the year

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| (a) Proceedings under the Housing Acts in relation to individual unfit houses | nil |
| (b) Statutory proceedings under the Public Health Acts | nil |
| (c) Proceedings under the Housing Acts for demolition of individual unfit houses | nil |

Housing Act 1936 Part IV- Overcrowding.

There is no overcrowding in the area

FOOD.

Number and Type of Food Premises in the Area.

Private slaughterhouses - 2: Retail Butchers Shops - 2: Butchers vans retailing meat - 4: Premises registered for the preparation of cooked meats - 3: Ice Cream manufacturers - 1 (cold mix only) Premises registered for the sale of pre-packed Ice Cream - 16: Bakeries - 3: Cafes - 8: General Dealers, retail food shops - 17: Food retailing Vans - 4: Retail fish vans - 1: Youth Hostels - 2: Private Hotels - 6: Boarding Houses - 26: Licensed Premises - 10. Registered Dairies

All milk retailed in the district is from producer retailers.

Slaughterhouses

The 2 private slaughterhouses conform to the requirements of the Slaughterhouses Regulations, 1 for the slaughter of cattle sheep and pigs, 1 other for sheep and pigs only. Slaughtering during the year has been confined only to sheep and a few pigs, meat for retailing being purchased "off the hook"

Meat Inspection

	Cattle:	Cows:	Calves:	Sheep:	Pigs:	Horses.
Number killed	-	1	1	30	8	-
Number inspected	-	1	1	30	8	-
All diseases except Tuberculosis & C. Bovis, whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-

Cattle: Cows: Calves: Sheep: Pigs; Horses:

Tuberculosis only, whole carcasses.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Part of carcass/organs	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cysticercus Bovis	-	-	-	-	-	-
Number of meat inspection visits				46		
Total weight involved				1½ tons		
Weight condemned				nil		

Inspection of Registered Premises

Cooked meat preparation	36
Ice Cream Manufacture	6
Ice Cream sale shops	68

All premises where food is prepared, served or sold have been well maintained and carried on with due regard to the requirements of hygienic practice.

Disposal of Condemned Food

Only small quantities of food have been condemned and destroyed during the year.

Following the typhoid outbreak at Aberdeen, all stocks of canned corned beef at shops, hotels and travelling vans were inspected. None of the suspected tins were found in the area.

Ice Cream (Heat Treatment) Regulations.

The one registered manufacturer uses only the "Cold Mix" process.

Retail Food Shops

All the retail shops are "family shops" and all have toilet accommodation and washing facilities easily available with hot and cold running water.

Shops, Offices and Railway Premises Act 1963

In the area there are 10 premises employing persons and to which the provisions of the Act applies:- 5 Licensed hotels: 3 Private hotels: 3 shops: 1 office and the requirements to be applied were under review at the end of the year.

SCHOOLS

The water supplies to the schools throughout the area have been well maintained apart from a short period at Reeth when the supply was interrupted due to bursts in a number of branch pipes. For drinking purposes, each school is provided with tap filters. The meal service continues to be carried on in a hygienic manner. ~~The meal service continues to be carried on in a hygienic manner.~~

RODENT CONTROL

Number of properties inspected as a result of notification:- Dwellinghouses, 16; Other properties, 2; Agriculture, 1: Number of properties inspected in the course of survey under the Act: Council undertakings, 13: Dwellinghouses 46. Other properties 20: Agriculture 23: Number of properties found to be infested. Council undertakings 4: Dwellinghouses 24: Other properties 4: Agriculture 6: All the foregoing were found to have "minor" infestation by rats and in addition, 1 property an infestation by mice, all being effectually dealt with by "Warfarin" treatments.

FACTORIES ACT (Part 1)

Number of premises on the register	7
Number of inspections.	48

CARAVAN & CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT. 1960

The caravan site at Scabba Wath, Mr. O. Kendall, has Planning permission for 15 caravans and has at certain periods had 16 caravans stationed, the Site Licence being for only 8 until proper toilet facilities are provided. Plans for the latter have been approved and it is expected that the work of providing these toilet facilities will soon be in hand. A Piped water supply is provided.

A new site at Reeth, Mr. J. Tiplady has been approved for 8 caravans together with accommodation for 2 touring caravans. Piped water has been laid on to the site and cesspits provided for the emptying of chemical closets.

Number of sites	15
Number of caravans	41
Number of inspections	62

Camping

9 camping sites used during the year were properly organised and with adequate supervision, all sites being left in a clean and tidy condition.

Number of visits. 28

NUISANCES

Inspections for nuisances only	22
Number of nuisances found	22
Number needing abatement	20
Number abated by informal action	18

GENERAL INSPECTIONS

Drainage works in progress, 87 Complaints investigated, 26:
Housing improvement Works in progress, 161: Housing repair works in progress 39: Visits to learn if repairs have been carried out, 41:
Licensed premises, 58: Catering establishments, 72: Offices & Shops Act, 28: Food hygiene regulations, 110 Schools 14: Bakeries, 26:
Refuse tips, 53 Sewerage works 62: Water supplies, 32: Miscellaneous 98, Building byelaws, 128: Petroleum Regulations, 32, Shops Act, 47:

CONCLUSION

I have pleasure in recording my thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Council, to the Medical Officer of Health, Dr. H. R. Morrison and to the Clerk of the Council Mr. Malcolm E Scott and his staff for the courtesy and assistance extended to me during the year. I take this opportunity also of expressing my appreciation to Messrs. J. A. Barningham and J. N. Whitehead for the service on refuse collection and disposal their duties often carried on under adverse weather conditions.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen, your obedient servant

J. V. Metcalfe

Public Health Inspector and Surveyor.